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For: INFLAMMATORY MARKERS AS TOOLS IN THE  
DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF DIABETES  
MELLITUS AND AS TOOLS TO AID IN THE  
SELECTION OF AGENTS TO BE USED FOR THE  
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DIABETES  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this amendment.